

Amendment to HB 276

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a liquor license where beverages, wine, and liquor can be sold without
4 food.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Paragraph; Definitions; Tavern License. Amend RSA 175:1 by inserting after paragraph
9 LXIV-cc the following new paragraph:

10 LXIV-ccc. "Tavern license" means an on-premise license in an enclosed place of business
11 kept, used, maintained, advertised, and held out to the public as a place operated for the purpose of
12 serving liquor and beverages without the benefit of food.

13 2 New Sections; Tavern License. Amend RSA 178 by inserting after section 22 the following
14 new sections:

15 178:22-a Tavern License.

16 I. The commission may issue a tavern license in any town which has voted to accept the
17 provisions of RSA 663:5, I(b), (c), and (d).

18 II. The license issued shall entitle the licensee to serve beverages or specialty beverages by
19 the glass, by the bottle with cap removed, or in any other suitable container, wines by the glass, by
20 the bottle with the cork or cap removed or in any other suitable container, or liquor by the glass or
21 other suitable container, as defined in rules adopted by the commission under RSA 541-A.

22 III. No person under the age of 21 shall be allowed in the tavern license premises.

23 IV. Except as provided in this paragraph, no beverages, specialty beverages, or liquor shall
24 be consumed in the licensed areas except those that are sold by the licensee.

25 V. No beverages, specialty beverages, or liquor shall be removed from the licensed premises
26 by patrons, except as provided by RSA 179:27-a.

27 178:22-b Local Option.

28 I. Any town or city may allow the operation of tavern licenses under RSA 178:21-a according
29 to the provisions of this subdivision, in the following manner:

30 (a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting
31 under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative
32 body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the

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alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

(b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

(c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we allow the operation of Tavern Licenses as defined in RSA 178:22-a within the town or city?"

II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," tavern licenses may be operated within the town or city.

III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the provisions of paragraph I at the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election.

IV. A municipality that has voted to allow the operation of tavern licenses may consider rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraph I of this section.

V. An unincorporated place may allow the operation of tavern licenses by majority vote of the county delegation, after a public hearing is held.

3 Fees; Expiration Dates; Transfers; Tavern License Included. Amend RSA 178:29, I to read as follows:

I. On-premises licensees shall pay the following applicable fees annually:

	Supplemental Only	Beverages and Wine	Beverages and Liquor	Cocktail Lounge
Airport				\$1,200
Ballroom	\$ 45			\$1,200
Bed and Breakfast		\$ 480	\$ 840	
Beer and Specialty Beverage				
Festival				
	One-day	\$ 250		
	Two-day	\$ 300		
	Three-day	\$ 350		
Catering (all)				\$1,200
Catering (off-site only)				\$ 840
Catering (on-site only)				
	18 events	\$ 5		
	36 events	\$ 5		
	52 events	\$ 5		
Club Military				\$ 100
Club Social				

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1		9 events	\$ 250		
2		18 events	\$ 450		
3		36 events	\$ 750		
4		52 events	\$1,200		
5	Club Private				\$1,200
6	Club Veterans				
7		9 events	\$ 250		
8		18 events	\$ 450		
9		36 events	\$ 750		
10		52 events	\$1,200		
11	College Club				\$1,200
12	Convention Center				\$2,400
13	Dining Car		\$ 480		\$ 840
14	Fairs		\$ 112		
15	Hotel			\$ 840	\$1,200
16	Liquor Festival				
17		One-day			\$250
18		Two-day			\$300
19		Three-day			\$350
20	One day License				\$ 100
21	Performing Arts				\$ 360
22	Racetrack/Motor Vehicle				\$1,800
23	Racetrack/Pari-Mutuel				\$3,000
24	Rail Cars				\$1,200
25	Restaurant		\$ 480	\$ 840	\$1,200
26	Special License			\$ 25	
27	Sports/Entertainment				\$1,800
28	Complex				
29		9 events	\$ 250		
30		18 events	\$ 450		
31		36 events	\$ 750		
32		52 events	\$1,200		
33	Sports Recreation				
34	Facility				\$1,200
35	<i>Tavern License</i>				<i>\$6,480</i>
36	Tobacco Retailer			\$ 840	
37	Vessel		\$ 480	\$ 840	\$1,200

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4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a tavern license allowing the sale of beverages, wine, and liquor without the sale of food.